



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Ryoji KATO et al.**

Serial No.: **09/340,196**

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Examiner: **Anne L. Holleran**

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For: **METHOD FOR MEASURING THYROGLOBULIN**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 21, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **October 21, 2002**, extended to **February 21, 2003**
by a one month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as
follows:

CLEAN VERSION OF THE AMENDMENTS

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75. (Amended) A method for determining malignancy of a thyroid tumor comprising:

(a) dividing a fluid originating from a living body into a first portion and a second
portion;

(b)(i) adding to the first portion a specific lectin or a specific antibody capable of
binding to a specific structure of a sugar chain of a first type of thyroglobulin but not capable of
binding to a sugar chain of a second type of thyroglobulin,